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GRAUSTARK

#98

1965L, 1965Q, 1966Q, 1966R, 1966AA

16 July 1966

1965L

"Spring 1909"

LAST FRENCH FLEET SUNK

FRANCE (Davidson): F Tyr-Tun.

GERMANY (Clark): A Ven-Apu; A Rom-Nap;
F Lyo-Tyr; A Pic-Tus; A Gas-Spa; A Mun-
Tyr; A Ber; A Ruh; A Kio; A Mar; A Hol;
A Bur; F Norwegian Sea; F North Sea;
and F Mid holds.

RUSSIA (Koning): F North Africa-Tun; F Wes
S GERMAN F Lyo-Tyr; F Aog-Ion; F Con-Aog;
F Sov-Bla; A Bul-Con; A Ank S A Bul-Con;
A Alb-Ser; A Ser-Bul; A Arm; A Gro; A
Bud; F North Atlantic; F Bar and A St.P
holds.

TURKEY (Swenson): F Nap S FRENCH F Tyr-Rom;
A Smy-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible.
The french fleet in the Tyrrhenian Sea is
annihilated. The deadline for "Fall
1909" moves is noon, SATURDAY 30 JULY 1966.
As it seems possible that these moves may
conclude 1965L, players are asked to submit
their "Winter 1909" builds along with the
"Fall 1909" moves.

1966Q

"Winter 1907"

TWO FRENCH FLEETS SCUTTLED

"Winter 1907" moves are:

FRANCE: Removes F Cly; F Eng.
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Builds A Tri.

RUSSIA: Builds A War.

The deadline for "Spring 1908" moves is
noon, SATURDAY 30 JULY 1966. The Gamesmas-
ter would like the players' opinion on who-
ther it might be feasible to conduct 1966Q
at the rate of one move per week, since all
players live on the eastern seaboard. Un-
less objection is heard from any player, the
game will be accelerated to one move per
week with the "Fall 1908" move.

PARIS: Jacques III recently warned that
France is facing the Dark Night. All are
called to arms.

1965Q

"Spring 1907"

TURKS SEIZE CONTROL OF MEDITERRANEAN

ENGLAND (Koning): A Norway-St.P; F Nor-
wegian Sea-Bar; F North Sea-Norwegian
Sea; F Liv-Iri.

FRANCE (Whalen): F Mid-Bre; A Spa-Gas;
A Mar S A Spa-Gas.

GERMANY (Smythe): A Kio-Pru; F Bal C
A Kio-Pru; A Sil S A Kio-Pru; F Sw-
Den; A Mun-Rur; A Bur-Mar; A Gas S
A Bur-Mar; A Bre S A Gas; F Eng S
ENGLISH F Liv-Iri.

ITALY (Borman & Reinstein): A Vie-Tri;
A Tyr & A Ven S A Vie-Tri; F Ion
holds; F Tyr S F Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (K. Pattee): A Sov-Ukr;
A Mos S ENGLISH A Norway-St.P; A Gal-
Vie; A Bud S A Gal-Vie; A Tri-Tyr;
F Alb-Adr.

RUSSIA (Swenson): A St.P-Mos; A War S
A St.P-Mos.

TURKEY (Kuch): F Eas-Ion; F Gre & F Aog
S F Eas-Ion; F Smy-Eas; A Bul S F Gro.

Underlined moves are not possible.
The Italian fleet in the Ionian Sea must
retreat to Albania, Apulia, Naples, or
Tunis. The Austro-Hungarian army in
Trieste must retreat to Albania or Ser-
bia, and the Austro-Hungarian army in
Moscow must retreat to Livonia or Sevas-
topol. (If the retreats F Ion-Alb and
A Tri-Alb are both ordered, the two units
will stand each other off and both be an-
nihilated.) These two players are asked
to contact the Gamesmaster as quickly as
possible with their retreat orders. Those
retreats will immediately be sent out to
all players. The deadline for "Fall
1907" moves is noon, SATURDAY 30 JULY
1966.

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1966R

"Fall 1902"

AUSTRIANS AGGRESSIVE, TURKS TRIUMPHANT, RUSSIANS ROUTED, ITALIANS IDLE

ENGLAND (Latimer): A Norway holds; F Norwegian Sea S A Norway; F North Sea-Hol;
F Edi-North Sea.

FRANCE (Berman): F Bel S ENGLISH F North Sea-Hol; A Spa-Mar; F Mid-Por; A Ber-Kie;
A Bur-Ruh; A Pic-Bur.

GERMANY (Lebling): A Kie-Ber; A Mun S A Kie-Ber; A Hol-Bel; F Don-North Sea.

ITALY (Sullivan): No moves received. A Pie, A Gre, and F Ion hold.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Uhr): A Vie-Gal; A Bud S A Vie-Gal; A Ser-Rum; F Tri holds.

RUSSIA (Levinson): F Swo-Norway; F St.P S F Swe-Norway; A Ukr-Sev; A Sil S GERMAN
A Kie-Ber; A Gal-Rum; F Bla S A Gal-Rum.

TURKEY (Gemignani): A Rum-Sev; A Arm S A Rum-Sev; F Ank-Bla; A Bul S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN
A Ser-Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible. The German army in Holland retreats to Kiel, and the French army in Berlin retreats to Prussia. The Russian army in Galician must retreat to either Warsaw or Bohemia. This Russian retreat should be sent in with the "Winter 1902" moves, and the builds of other players may be made conditional on its direction.

The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Hol, Liv, Lon, Nor. (5)

FRANCE: Bol, Bro, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (6)

GERMANY: Ber, Don, Kie, Mun. (4)

ITALY: Gro, Nap, Rom, Ven. (4)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Rum, Ser, Tri,
Vic. (5)

RUSSIA: Mos, St.P, Swo, War. (4)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Sov, Smy. (5)

England, Italy, Austria-Hungary, and Turkey may each build one new unit. Russia must remove two units. The deadline for these "Winter 1902" moves is SATURDAY 30 JULY 1966.

This game now has a stand-by player: Mohran Thomson Jr., 12825 Dixie Street, Detroit, Mich. 48239. Since William Sullivan, playing Italy, did not send in "Fall 1902" moves, Thomson is asked to send in Italy's "Winter 1902" build. If Thomson sends in such a build, and Sullivan does not, Thomson will then take over the play of Italy in 1966R.

BERLIN: The French army of General Joffre, which has been fighting its way through Germany in a desperate attempt to intimidate the will of the German people, was cornered 3 km outside of Stettin yesterday, and forced, after an attack by Allied troops, to retreat towards the lake country of Prussia.

General von Emmich's troops, aided by the Cossacks of Russian General Danilov, breached the hastily erected French defenses, and forced them into full retreat. Although deep in enemy territory, the French, either through accident or stupidity, had failed to post sentries, and were caught by surprise. Several theorists point to the capture, earlier in the week, of one of the area's finest breweries as a possible reason for such negligence.

BERLIN: "The war," stated Chancellor Bulow, "has taken a turn for the better. Thanks to the timely help of our erstwhile allies, the Russians, the French threat to the capital has been lifted. We may now turn our attention to the west, where the victory is yet to be won.

"We may yet see the English come to their senses, and fight with us against the descendants of Napoleon and William the Conqueror. The people of Britain responded to those threats - can they not see the present one?" Sources close to the Chancellor

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1966AA

"Winter 1901"

EVENLY MATCHED POWERS GIRD FOR SECOND YEAR OF WAR

VIENNA (Achtungsdruck, 3 October 1901): The Imperial Palace today announced the dismissal of Prime Minister Prof. Otto Schreckkrank! He has been replaced with the capable Flödormaus Strauss. Strauss' younger brother, Rotkälschen Strauss, became Foreign Minister, and his uncle, Nepotismus Strauss, became Finance Minister. Uncle Nepotismus, known jocularly as Horr Bestechung in some circles, appointed his sister Hüssliche Kristine, as "Special Assistant Without Portfolio". The Austrian Imperial Treasury has already exhausted its portfolio funds for this fiscal year.

The new Prime Minister immediately announced the renunciation of the declaration of war made last Spring against Turkey by His Imperial Majesty. "His Majesty has nothing but the warmest regards for His Ottoman cousin," Strauss said. "The declaration of war against Grand Fenwick stands, however, and as soon as we can find it, we will invade it!"

In another development, the Minister of War, Strophon Strauss, denounced the Russo-German War. "The invasion of Silosia by Russia smells like sheep-dip," declared the minister, who was formerly an Arcadian shepherd. "We cannot sit idly by and watch our two northern neighbors tear each other to bits without getting in and doing some tearing ourselves. Accordingly, His Imperial Majesty has authorized me to declare that we are coming to the aid of our Germanic brethren. We hereby renounce our nonaggression pact with Russia and declare war on that perfidious Slavic backstabber." The minister then introduced this reporter to a girl who, he said, was his mother. He's at least 25 and she looked to be about 17. Uh-huh.

BUCHAREST (Freie Balkanpresse, 15 October 1901): Units of the Kossuth Cavalry entered the capital city of Rumania today, after having completely overwhelmed the puny resistance of the Russian marines which had enslaved this tiny Balkan country. The population turned out to greet their liberators. Several members of the Austrian unit received nicks and cuts from stones, but the enthusiastic populace was otherwise restrained from showing its feelings.

BERLIN: Russki go home!

WARSAW (30 June 1901): In accordance with the terms of the Russo-Turkish alliance concluded here last month, the Tzar has ordered the 3rd and 4th armies south from the German border in order to support the Turkish pacification of the Balkans. At the same time he issued a formal statement of apology to the German government, and in particular to the people of East Prussia, for any hardship caused by Russian troops. He remarked, "I am sorry that this has happened, but the offers made by Germany's war-crazed neighbors were almost too tempting. To compensate for our blunder, the Russian government will supply the people of Prussia with double their fall crop of grain with Ukrainian wheat."

SYRIA: Turkey deploras the attack on Russia by England and Austria. "Another battleground, that will be Russia, with nations fighting over the booty."

Turkey is considering offering Russia's South Fleet asylum in Ankara.

BULGARIA: Greece will become Turkey's center of culture. It is hoped Turkey will not have to war to obtain Greece, but Turkey will fight if she must.

PARIS: Ouch!! That stab really hurt!! Whoever said a well-thrown pizza didn't hurt?

ENGLAND (Dygart): Builds F Liv.

FRANCE (Snythe): Builds A Par, F Bro.

GERMANY (Latinor): Builds A Mun, A Kio.

ITALY (Aita): Builds A Ven, F Nap.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Walker): Builds A Vio,
A Bud.

TURKEY (E. Thompson): Builds F Sny.

The attempt to make "Winter" move deadlines only 1 week after "Fall" moves apparently does not totally succeed for players living away from the east coast, as no retreat was received for the Russian fleet in Rumania. Players may therefore submit conditional "Spring 1902" moves, depending on whether this fleet went to Sevastopol or the Black Sea. The deadline for "Spring 1902" moves is SATURDAY 30 JULY 1966, at NOON.

THE ADVENTURES OF SECRET AGENT O-O-HATE

Chapter VI

Mac looked incredulously at his top operative, Secret Agent O-O-Hate, who in civilian life is mild-mannered comic book collector Clark Gansel. "You mean we should do nothing about those monuments that the Conspiracy has caused to be erected here in Washington?" he gasped. "Those monuments to such subversives as Washington, Jefferson, and Lincoln?"

"That's right, Chief," O-O-Hate replied. "What is the purpose of our super-secret agency?"

"To keep pacifist propaganda from influencing the American people," Mac replied. "To keep America from being weakened by the decadent preachers of peace. To preserve the American Way of War!"

"Exactly," said O-O-Hate. "And what would be the greatest success that our agency could hope for?"

Mac sat up straight in his swivel chair. "To get America at war again!" he cried. "No piddling affair like Vietnam, but a real War, like in the good old days. No doubting, no questioning, no dissent - the whole country marching along as a unit and hooding only one voice. Ours, of course."

"Right! Now if we do our job properly - how long do you think those monuments would last after the beginning of a real war?"

Mac sat dumfounded for an instant. Then he rose from his seat and grasped O-O-Hate's hand warmly. "You've hit it! That's just what we'll do!"

No sooner had Mac expressed his awe over O-O-Hate's brilliant solution when the telephone rang. He snatched it up.

"Hello? - Mr. Luce is on the wire? Please tell him that I do not deal with informers directly. He'll have to use the usual channels. Have him report to the cellar door at - What's that, operator? Oh, not Philip Luce, Henry Luce! Yes, yes, put him on at once, by all means!"

O-O-Hate waited while his chief received a long communication from the publisher. Finally he hung up, having punctuated the monolog from the other end of the wire only with a few conventional remarks.

"We're on to a big one this time, O-O-Hate," Mac said, "and I want you to handle it. A big shot in the peace movement is rumored to have died under strange circumstances. Some people aren't even sure he's really dead. I know I can count on you to clear up the mystery."

"Fine, chief. Who is it who's supposed to have died?"

"God."

(What new adventure faces Secret Agent O-O-Hate? Follow his adventures in the next issue of GRAUSTARK.)

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

JAMES LATIMER, 4011 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, Md. 20023: That's not a new address; the PO finally said we didn't have to use "Washington" and could use "Suitland" instead. But we still live in Silver Hill. ((Other players please note.))

EARL THOMPSON, Apt. #2, 128 S. Mariposa, Los Angeles, Calif. 90004: The 1967 Westcon will be in Los Angeles! I am secretary of the convention and will put a Diplomacy tourney on the program. I will see that a 21' x 21' conference room will be provided for the tourney at no extra charge. The room has a capacity of 50 people. There will be a magnificent mahogany/bronze trophy(s). There will be boards, conference maps, etc. Plus all the games will be published at a later date. This is a four-day convention, and I urge all to attend.

((The 1967 Westcon will take place on Fourth of July weekend. Watch the pages of GRAUSTARK for further announcements.))

JAMES GOLDMAN, 430 E. 29th St., Paterson, N. J.: I'm sorry that political conflicts have been added to the personal animosities already eroding what started out as a hell of a nice game. Back in 1963A, despite the vicious double-crossing that occurred, I don't recall a single incident when personalities were bruised. I still consider Derek Nelson a friend, and we've certainly fought as much as anyone else. The game is degenerating; it hurts when one is asked to choose sides in interplayer fouds.

Peoplo have the right to say what they want in their 'zinos. They should expect, even encourage, rebuttal. That is, of course, what representative democracy is all about. No one should pick up his marbles and go home.

((Including the war-mongers, who have lost their marbles already anyhow.))

For my part, I maintain a quiet confusion, secure from the shock of charges and countercharges now filling the winds. I have generally retreated from a cockeyed belief in "truth" to a shadier realm where all things are "possible", some "probable", so very little "sure" or "definite".

We are told that Ho Chih Minh's government lies to its people. This is possible; if true, evil. Yet Johnson's proven lies (a case in point - the U. S. bombing raids over Laos, first denied by Johnson's administration, later admitted) are "expedientios". I call them evils, too.

Who of us will ever know for sure if the Tonkin Gulf crisis was not actually precipitated by American raids on North Vietnam, as the "enemy" has claimed? Too many secret, over-so-bureaucratic archives in Washington, Hanoi, and Saigon for us

 "We...oppose any attempt at spreading Communism, wherever it may take place. We shall...champion freedom and peace against aggression."

- Adolf Hitler, 20 February 1938

 poor cannon-fodder to find out.

As far as Mr. Blake's statement (GRAUSTARK #94) is concerned, I consider the backstabbers of "our men in Vietnam" to be those officials who supply our troops with low-quality equipment, who divert millions and billions of dollars from essential projects to their own "grös ventres", or those of their constituents, who permit absurdities like Adam Clayton Powell to make our laws. I call them traitors. I call their actions treason. (By the way, Eric, anyone (especially editors) who is "amenable to patriotic arguments" knows that the catch-phrase is "our boys in Vietnam",)

Apparently Blake is unaware that Negroes are fighting and dying for "America" (whatever that is). I wish he'd come to Paterson and repeat his absurd statements to the parents of those soldiers who have given their lives crusading against the "yellow peril".

Just for the record, you Communist boatnik, I am a radical, first (to my knowledge) founder of the Apathy Party, careful crusader against social security, the income tax, selective service, and the steam engine. I love my country.

JOHN McCALLUM, "A" Quarters, S. E. S., Ralston, Alberta: If you are going to include the Brooklyn College Physics Department over-the-board games ((1966G and 1966Q)) why not the LASES move-a-week games as well, since they were played under virtually identical conditions? I don't know how many of them were completed, but certainly the WorldDip game was. Should it be designated 1963C and added to the roster, do you think?

((I'd welcome information on those games from people a little closer to them than I was. I have only a few issues of WorldDip..))

What are your views on the Federation which the San Diogans have proposed? I am, myself, rather attracted by the idea of an official Diplomacy Association of some sort. But I wish this thing had been much more broadly based in its preliminary stages and not just presented in the Diplomacy world as a fait accompli, as it has been. In particular, I find it hard to see a Diplomacy Association which does not include both

Calhamer and yourself among its founding fathers. Perhaps you were asked, though there seems no hint of that in the published statement. However, as Koning says, it is a matter of all of us joining it or having it a small splinter group of no importance, so I suppose we all ought to join.

((The proposal for a Diplomacy Association came from Conrad von Metzko, Box 192, Jamul, Calif. 92035. The opposition view is presented in Bulverk #10 by James Wright, 1605 Thayer St., Richland, Wash. 99352. Those interested are requested to write these persons for information on their positions. A statement on the proposal will appear in GRAUSTARK as soon as I have had a chance to study it more thoroughly.))

CUYLER W. BROOKS Jr., 911 Briarfield Road, Newport News, Va. 23605: Much thanks for GRAUSTARK, it is an excellent 'zine. The O-O-Hate is funny, and the letters are interesting, especially the stuff about Vietnam. Whether it's out of place or not...

I feel that some critics of the US Vietnam policy confuse the issue by arguing

 "What is the difference between President Lincoln and President Johnson?"

(sic) (ha!, boat you to it) against our presence there on the basis of specific incidents or tactics. Such arguments could be made against any war. Of course, some are against war altogether, but from this viewpoint the specific incidents are irrelevant.

What is this with all the "sics"? I realize that you don't want the reader to think that you are illiterate or a careless typist, but this sic, sic, sic is annoying and rude. Wouldn't it be simpler and easier on the reader just to correct the errors in spelling, etc., as you type the stencils?

((The comments of some GRAUSTARK readers have their own inimitable flavor, that I would not want to dilute by editing. And it is not my place as Gamesmaster to correct errors in the moves that come in. A move to which "sic" is appended is not legal by the rules of Diplomacy, as distinguished from one which is legal but not possible under the present circumstances.))

"Lincoln fought a war to free the Negroes, and Johnson freed the Negroes to fight a war."

 JAMES WRIGHT, 1605 Thayer St., Richland, Wash. 99352: Is there any chance of Calhamer revising the rules? I don't think it needs it myself, but I'd like to shut these organizers up, and a definitive edition of the rules by Calhamer seems to be just the thing to take the heat out of the air.

ANDERS SWENSON, 145 Ponderosa Lane, Walnut Creek, Calif. 94598: One thought on the WesterCon Tournament - there is enough tension in a normal game of Diplomacy without the competition element that Thompson and Alderson propose (for a trophy, I understand). For one, I do not know if I would care to play under such tense circumstances.

JOHN KONING, 318 S. Bello Vista, Youngstown, Ohio 44509: You said in one issue not long ago that you did not apply the so-called "Koning Rule". However, the example I drew on in my original statement on that interpretation, in Massif #5 (19 June 1965) I used as example a set of moves from GRAUSTARK #50 ((1965A)), to wit:

ITALY: A Alb-Gro.

TURKEY: A Gro-Alb, A Bul-Gro.

RUSSIA: A Ser S TURKISH A Gro-Alb.

It doesn't really matter to me. I'd like to see the whole thing clarified someday, by someone.

((Under the rules of postal Diplomacy, this is incorrect. The Turkish move A Bul-Gro should have been labelled as not possible.))

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BERLIN: (Department of Statistics) It is with great pride that the Government announces that the Mad Satirical Monk's casualty figures for the current year, 1906, included only the loss of life due to war and privation. The infamous gentleman forgot the terrible destruction caused by the now renowned "Peace Demonstrations" of London, Berlin, and Rome. Nearly 70,000 souls were sent to meet their maker when in the name of humanity and everlasting peace the Purity & Peace Party - P. P. P. for short, or P³ - raged through the streets, killing, looting and generally ravaging those districts favoring the continuation of the defense of their nations.

It is also with pride that this Department notes that German casualties were the lowest in Europe. And if it were not for their campaigns in the frozen wastelands of the north, England - Germany's worthy ally - would have suffered even less.

AUSTRIA to ITALY: The only YUDC player you can deal with after jumping is John Smythe (and John Koning, but then only if you are John Smythe). Live and learn.

ATHENS: "I have been promised the job of Emir of Italy. Tremble, Christian dogs!" - Spiros Prepostorous, Celestial Minister of Information.

GENEVA: The International Bureau for the Analysis of Propaganda today questioned a bulletin emanating from Athens. "The Turkish government and its allies may have good reason for exulting over their recent victories," a Bureau spokesman said, "and exaggeration is a characteristic of war propaganda, but it is unlikely that the term 'Christian dogs' may legitimately be applied to the duumvirate presently ruling Italy."

SPECIAL BULLETIN FROM THE GAMESMASTER: The following retreats took place, according to information from the players, after the "Spring 1907" moves.

ITALY: F Ion-Nap AUSTRIA HUNGARY: A Mos-Sev; A Tri-Ser.
Kim Pattee's address is 537 Warren Road, McDonald, Ohio 44437. This corrects information given in previous issues of GRAUSTARK.

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ANDORRA: The Lone Wolf of Europe is contemplating plunging heavily in European real estate, commencing in 1910.

POSTAL DIPLOMACY ROSTER: ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

This is

1965S: F - Alan Huff (out F08)	1966Aft: John Koning, <u>sTab</u> (II)	O At
	E - Earl Thompson	P Great
1965T: F - Joel Sattel (dro S07)	F,G,I - John Smythe	E Intervals
Mark Owings	A,R,T - Derek Nelson	R This
I - Alan Huff (out F07)		A Appears
	1966AG: Conrad von Metzke, <u>Costaguana</u>	T To
1965W: E - Pat McDonnell (dro S05)	E - Larry Peery	I Inflame
Mark Owings	F - Ken Davidson	O Optic
	G - Robert Ward	N Nerves
1966D: I - Charles Brannan (rut F04)	I - Rodney Walker	
	A - Dennis Frisch	# 296
1966AB: G - Mehran Thomson	R - Robert Cline	
	T - Michael Hillen	
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have let it be known that Prince Otto is on his way to London again, where he received such a warm hearted reception before, carrying the text of the November 1900 agreement signed by France pledging "eternal friendship" with the Reich.

WASHINGTON: President Roosevelt today announced the result of the recent Cuban vote on its status vis a vis the U. S.: 62% for statehood, 21% for associate status, and 17% for various other arrangements. He noted with pride that only 4% voted for independence. The four years of American rule have, in the words of Governor Tomas Estrada, "brought peace and prosperity to our island". Congress is expected to pass a resolution next week making Cuba the 46th state. The troops that have been combatting pro-French guerrillas in the mountains will be withdrawn as soon as a police force has been formed in that area to deal with the problem. One reason that statehood has been desired by the Cubans is that they are afraid of the French insurgents.

LONDON: Well, we try.

CONSTANTINOPLE: A collection has been started to send Prince Otto a dictionary since he can't spell. Maybe even better a Pyscehogly book since he seemed to have illustrations of grandeur.

ROME: "Why of course Prince Otto has illustrations of grandeur," said his personal physician, Dr. A. Ohne Umlaut, who is in Rome for an audience with Pope Sylvester IV. "Tattooed across his chest is a representation of German troops marching through the Arc de Triomphe in Paris in 1871. What illustration could be grander than that?"

JUNEAU, R. A. (11 Sept. 1902, IRNS): The Imperial Flag was raised and the flag of the United States was lowered in a ceremony identical with those in Manila and Honolulu, today.

President William Bryan of the United States, elected on an anti-Imperialism plank, signed the transfer bill, after a year-long fight in Congress, on September 1.

The Russian Empiro has paid a total of Ru 50 million, about \$75 million at the current rate, for the territories of Alaska, Hawaii, the Phillipines, and eastern Samoa. The latter territory will be united with German western Samoa under a condominium government.

LEMBERG, GALICIA (15 Sept. 1902, FNA): "The Sultan of Turkey is engaged in most unladylike action," Col. Nikitin announced at a press conference in the town hall, today. "My feelings would justify far stronger words but Russians are gentlemen."

ROME (29 Sept. 1902): Pope Sylvester IV today offered to mediate the apparent civil strife taking place in the United States of America. "Reports from that nation," he said in a sermon on the Festival of St. Ignatius the Voracious, "indicate that Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Bryan are both claiming the title of President. Mr. Roosevelt, with whom the German Imperial Government is in contact, seems to have control in the East, and has just announced the incorporation of Cuba into the U. S. A. Mr. Bryan, on the other hand, has just signed a treaty with the Russian Empire under which certain American Pacific territories have been sold to Russia. Obviously the split between Mr. Roosevelt's policy of imperialism, and Mr. Bryan's policies of anti-imperialism and populism, have brought America to civil war. The good offices of the Vatican are hereby made available to America for the settlement of this conflict, as they are also for the negotiation of the present European war and the state of anarchy now existing in Italy."

St. Ignatius, in whose honor the festival was proclaimed, was thrown to the lions in the 3rd century by the Roman Emperor Sextus Licentius Hellefagabalus Disgustus Caesar. Confronted by the ferocious beasts in the arena, he ate three of them, and achieved a glorious martyrdom by the belly-ache.

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Copies of Bulwerk, James Wright's Diplomacy 'zine are distributed with this issue of GRAUSTARK to readers who did not get them earlier.